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## NOTE VERBALE DATED 28 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON BEHALF OF JAPAN, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND FRANCE ADDRESSED TO THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea and, on behalf of Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and France, has the honour to transmit herewith the joint report of the pioneer investors registered in the aforesaid countries, concerning the preparatory work referred to in paragraphs 9 to 15 of document LOS/PCN/BUR/R.5, for submission to the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. The report is drafted in English and French. The French version will be transmitted to the Special Representative during the month of September 1991. Another 15 copies in English will also be mailed to him in the near future. The Special Representative will note that the report submitted to him on today's date is accompanied by a diskette of the database on the sample stations.

The completion of the aforesaid preparatory work and the submission of the results thereof to the Preparatory Commission are in accordance with paragraph 7, subparagraph (a) and paragraph 8, subparagraphs (a) and (c), of the understanding on the fulfilment of obligations by the registered pioneer investors and their certifying States, annexed to document LOS/PCN/L.87.

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